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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yukinori MIYAKE et al

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For : ONE-PIECE CONSTRUCTION OF  
PLUG FRAME FOR OPTICAL  
CONNECTOR COMPONENT

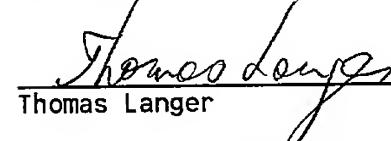
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

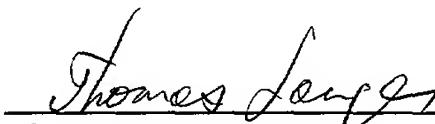
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add claim 4 and amend claim 3 (with changes shown on the attachment hereto) as follows.

3. (Amended) A plug frame according to Claim 2 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.

4. (New) A plug frame according to Claim 1 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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3. (Amended) A plug frame according to Claim [1 or] 2 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction.

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